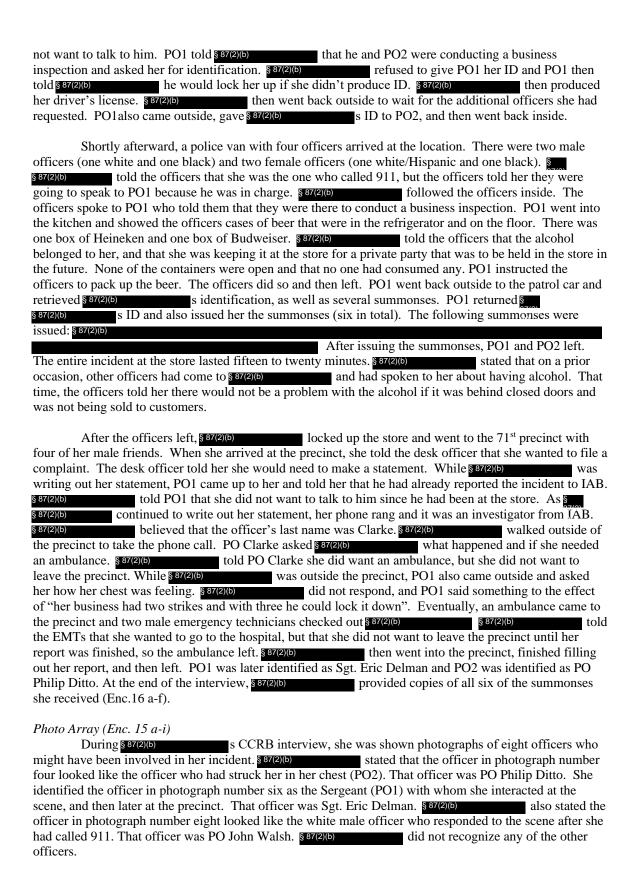
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	✓ Force	☐ Discourt.	☐ U.S.
Diana Keam		Team # 8	200503506	✓ Abuse	O.L.	Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:	•	Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Saturday, 04/02/2005 10:05 PM		§ 87(2)(b)		71	10/2/2006	10/2/2006
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported	Date/Time	Received at CC	RB
Mon, 04/04/2005 10:19 AM		CCRB	Phone	Mon, 04/0	4/2005 10:19 Al	М
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addr	ess			
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			<u> </u>
1. POM Philip Ditto	26831	932557	071 PCT			
2. SGT Eric Delman	01832	922228	071 PCT			
Officer(s)	Allegati	on		Inve	estigator Recor	nmendation
A.SGT Eric Delman	Abuse: S	Sgt. Eric Delman entered	d and searched § 87(2)(b)		
B.POM Philip Ditto	Abuse: I	PO Philip Ditto entered a	and searched § 87(2)(b)			
C.POM Philip Ditto	Abuse: PO Philip Ditto refused to provide his name and shield number to § 87(2)(6)					
D.SGT Eric Delman	Force: S	gt. Eric Delman used ph	ysical force against	§ 87(2)(b)		
E.POM Philip Ditto	Force: P	O Philip Ditto used phy	sical force against §8	7(2)(b)		

Synopsis

\$87(2)(b) stated (A and he refused (Allega were there and if they \$87(2)(b) also st	that on April 2, 2005 officers entered legations A and B). §87(2)(b) stated had a search warrant the officer (PO ated that the other officer (PO2) push	that when she asked one of the officers why th	self hey
§ 87(2)(b) employed § 87(2)(b)		ll, with black hair and brown eyes. She is in Brooklyn.	
not own the business a incident: one at the pro	the establishment is \$87(2)(b) and is just an employee. \$87(2)(b) ecinct on the date of incident (Enc.1 on April 19, 2005 (Enc.14 a-f).	stated that she do made three statements regarding this 2), one via phone on April 8, 2005 (Enc.13), a	
drinking in the dining front door and did not	when two o at 9:30pm, but the she was still ther room. The customers later told § 87(2)	at approximately 10:00pm, she was working as afficers arrived. §87(2)(b) stated that the with seven customers who were eating and that the officers burst through that the customers were male friends of hers were stated that the customers were male friends of hers were made frie	the the
the officer as a White believed that PO1 was hand and with the other. (In her statement immediately started to PO1, "Officer, what is another officer (PO2) White male, about 5'4	an officer (PO1) entering the area male, about 6'0", slim build, in unit a sergeant, because he had three star he pushed \$87(2)(b) to IAB, \$87(2)(b) only all oking in the refrigerator and in the going on? Can you identify yourse came around behind the counter as	form, with gray short hair. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ ripes on his shirt. PO1 had a flashlight in one the side so that he could examine the area behi eged that PO2 pushed her.) PO1 then surrounding area. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ then sai lf?" PO1 did not say anything. At that point, well. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ own short hair. The area they were all standing	ibed I ind id to
towards the kitchen in kitchen door. She stoo whether or not he had the ground and into a did state that she felt a main dining area, and the incident the custor however, the in a posi	a separate room. \$87(2)(b) d near the stove. \$87(2)(b) a search warrant. PO2 shoved her in wall. She hit her back against the w little pain in her chest. \$87(2)(b) announced that PO2 had hit her in t	nd were just watching what happened. They we son his radio at that point and	to he
went back into the sto	business. §87(2)(b) also ed that additional officers come to the and told the officers she had just	led 911, and reported that there were two officted the operator that someone had hit her in the location. After calling 911, \$87(2)(b) called 911. PO1 then told PO2 to go outside to 1 said. PO1 then tried to talk to her but she did	ne o



Results of Investigation

Witness Statements
At the end of the interview, §87(2)(b) provided names or nicknames of four of the seven
men who were at the store the night of the incident (§ 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) After several
contact attempts to all the witnesses, a statement was obtained from \$87(2) (a.k.a. \$87(2)(b)
§ 87(2)(b) (Enc.17) § 87(2)(b) provided a statement via phone on August 1, 2005. § 87(2)(b) stated that on April 2,
2005 he was eating crackers and drinking juice at \$87(2)(5) when two officers
entered through the front door. The juice bar was open for business and the front doors were unlocked. One
of the officers, a Sergeant, walked around to the counter where \$87(2)(b) was standing.
\$87(2)(b) was bent down at the refrigerator putting away sodas. The Sergeant used his right hand to
push § 87(2)(b) s left arm and moved her out of the way. § 87(2)(b) then asked the
officers for a search warrant and the Sergeant said that he would take care of it. At that point, the other
officer (PO2) went toward the kitchen. §87(2)(b) described PO2 as a white male about 5'4", 25-30 years
old, and chubby with glasses. § 87(2)(b) followed PO2 into the kitchen. From where § 87(2)(b)
sat at the juice bar, he was able to observe what went on inside the kitchen. He saw § 87(2)(b)
stand in PO2's way and try and keep him from looking around. § 87(2)(b) never touched PO2, but
that he saw PO2 use his right arm forearm to push § 87(2)(b) out of the way. When PO2 pushed
her, \$87(2)(b) lost her balance and fell to the ground. \$87(2)(b) then observed the Sergeant use
his radio to tell someone that he was conducting an inspection. PO2 went outside to the patrol car. The
Sergeant asked \$87(2)(b) for ID and she provided it for him. The Sergeant then gave
s ID to PO2. Shortly afterward, three other officers arrived (one white male, one Hispanic
female, and one black female). The officers spoke with the Sergeant and then went inside the kitchen,
gathered up the beer, and took it with them. PO2 then issued \$87(2)(b) several summonses and
the officers left.
Officer Statements
PO Philip Ditto
PO Philip Ditto is a \$87(2)(b) old white male, 5'9", 230 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes.
He provided two statements regarding this incident: one in his memo book on the date of incident (Enc.18
a-c) and the other at the CCRB on August 9, 2005 (Enc.19 a-b).
PO Ditto stated that on April 2, 2005, he worked 17:30 to 02:05 hours assigned to conditions auto,
an assignment which addresses quality of life issues. PO Ditto was dressed in uniform, assigned to a
marked RMP, and his partner was Sgt. Eric Delman. PO Ditto's memo book entry regarding the incident
stated:
22:10 Business inspection §87(2)(b) Female did not allow business inspection. Female
observed going into kitchen hiding alcohol in stove/covering alcohol on side. Female slammed oven door
shut while PO was opening it and claimed PO touched her. Obtained ID after numerous requests. 10-19
re: warrant check said establishment is an unlicensed bar and was observed warehousing alcohol in said
establishment." At 2216 hours, "business inspection put over." At 2248 hours, "96/98 base to voucher
alcohol/beer from said establishment.
PO Ditto stated that on the date of incident Sgt. Delman authorized a business inspection at
§ 87(2)(b) PO Ditto stated that he had never been to § 87(2)(b) prior to this
incident. The community affairs division of their precinct considered the location a chronic problem with
warehousing and selling alcohol. PO Ditto and Sgt. Delman arrived at the location at approximately
10:00pm. The establishment was open for business and a male customer was exiting the premises to smoke
a cigarette. As the customer came out, the officers entered. There were approximately 4 or 5 patrons
sitting about the establishment. One of the patrons appeared to be consuming an alcoholic beverage.
was behind the bar and Sgt. Delman informed her that they were going to conduct an
inspection of the premises. PO Ditto stated that §87(2)(b) never asked the officers to identify
themselves, and never asked for either of their names or badge numbers. Later in the incident,

asked the officers if they had a warrant, but PO Ditto stated that a warrant was not required when conducting a business inspection.
After speaking with \$7(2)(b) was standing and observed an empty bottle of Heineken beer on the ground. PO Ditto went into the kitchen and the kitchen door was wide open. \$7(2)(b) who up to this point had been calm and orderly, suddenly became irate and followed PO Ditto into the kitchen. \$7(2)(b) who up to this point had been screamed that PO Ditto had no right to be in there and asked him who he thought he was. \$7(2)(b) s behavior heightened his suspicions. PO Ditto then opened the oven and discovered numerous bottles of alcohol and beer. \$7(2)(b) slammed the oven door shut. PO Ditto then reopened the oven door and informed Sgt. Delman that there was alcohol on the premises. PO Ditto stated that he feared for his safety as \$7(2)(b) followed him around the kitchen screaming. Sgt. Delman had a clear view of the kitchen and joined PO Ditto and \$7(2)(b) was still screaming and claimed that PO Ditto had shoved her to the ground. PO Ditto told Sgt. Delman that he never touched \$7(2)(b) came into any physical contact with her, or ever saw her on the ground at any time during the incident. PO Ditto then asked \$7(2)(b) for identification. He had to ask several times before \$7(2)(b) stood outside of the car screaming, cursing, and pointing at him. Sgt. Delman exited the RMP to ensure \$7(2)(b) did not destroy the evidence. An additional unit was called to the scene to load and voucher the alcohol. PO John Walsh and PO Alanda Corion responded to the location. The alcohol became property of the NYPD, and \$7(2)(b) was not provided with any sort of receipt. PO Ditto stated that Sgt. Delman never came into physical contact with \$7(2)(b) was not provided with any sort of receipt. PO Ditto stated that Sgt. Delman never came into physical contact with \$7(2)(b) was not provided with any sort of receipt. PO Ditto stated the RMP and issued summonses to \$7(2)(b) was not provided with any sort of receipt. PO Ditto stated that Sgt. Delman never came into physical contact with \$7(2)(b) while behind the bar or at any other time during
PO Ditto stated that \$87(2)(b) later came to the precinct to file a complaint about him. PO Ditto said that he did not see \$87(2)(b) but that his supervisor made him aware that she was making force allegations against him. Because of her allegations, \$87(2)(b) was offered medical attention at the precinct, but she refused it.
Sgt. Eric Delman On January 11, 2006, Sergeant Eric Delman gave the following statement at the CCRB (Enc.21 a-b):
Sgt. Delman stated that on April 2, 2005 he worked a 14:55 x 23:52 tour as the Conditions Sergeant for the 71 Precinct. He was dressed in uniform, assigned to marked RMP 1826, and was working with PO Ditto. Sgt. Delman's memo book entry regarding this incident (Enc.20 a-b) states:
22:10 Business inspection at \$87(2)(b) Female very combative, angry. Summonses issued for \$87(2)(b) 22:48 96(summons served) by PO Ditto
Sgt. Delman stated that \$87(2)(b) is known to the 71 Precinct for operating an unlicensed bar at \$87(2)(b) is under the premise of \$87(2)(b) is his responsibility to perform random business inspections at licensed and unlicensed locations within the confines of the 71 precinct. On the date of incident, Sgt. Delman and PO Ditto went to \$87(2)(b) is business to conduct an inspection, based on past summonses for unlicensed sale that had been issued to \$87(2)(b) is when Sgt. Delman walked into the business he observed approximately four or five individuals sitting at the bar. The business was open. The individuals at the bar were holding cups with beverages in them. He smelled alcohol in one of the cups. He walked over to \$87(2)(b) identified himself, and asked her is she minded if he performed a business inspection. \$87(2)(b)

followed after PO Ditto and some commotion ensued. Sgt. Delman stated that he was not in the kitchen at this point but was able to observe some of what was going on through an open door with a window to the kitchen. When Sgt. Delman entered the kitchen, he observed \$87(2)(5) attempting to push PO Ditto out of the way. Sgt. Delman also observed a substantial amount (more than 20 bottles) of beer in the oven and several bottles of champagne on a shelf to the left. Everything was in plain view. Sgt. Delman also noted that \$87(2)(5) was very irate at PO Ditto and that he (Sgt. Delman) attempted to calm her down. Sgt. Delman and PO Ditto then went outside, as did \$87(2)(5) was screaming and yelling at the officers. Sgt. Delman stated that he informed \$87(2)(5) state of the kitchen in the back. Sgt. Delman stated that he informed \$87(2)(5) that she was going to be issued a few summonses and that she needed to stop yelling. He also told \$87(2)(5) summonses for \$87(2)(5) summonses for \$87(2)(5) continued to behave in this manner she would be placed under arrest. PO Ditto then issued \$87(2)(5) summonses for \$87(2)(5) at the precinct. He stated that she was acting very hysterical and was complaining of some type of chest pain.
Sgt. Delman had not interacted with \$87(2)(b) before, but his special operations Lieutenant had informed him that \$87(2)(b) had a history of selling beer without a license. The Lieutenant had informed him that \$87(2)(b) had a history of "fainting and acting crazy and doing a whole fainting thing". Sgt. Delman added that he has since interacted with \$87(2)(b) at her place of business. He stated that he again found alcohol, but only issued her a warning.
Sgt. Delman stated that neither he nor PO Ditto pushed or shoved \$87(2)(b) He also stated that, other than telling \$87(2)(b) she could be arrested if she continued to yell in the street, he did not threaten to arrest \$87(2)(b) Finally, Sgt. Delman stated that, to his knowledge, PO Ditto did not refuse to provide his name and/or shield number to \$87(2)(b)
Medical Records Although \$87(2)(b) claimed that she had chest pains following the incident, she refused medical treatment when an ambulance arrived at the precinct to treat her because she wanted to finish her report. After finishing her report and leaving the precinct, however, \$87(2)(b) still did not seek medical treatment. Therefore, there are no medical records.
Communications Records SPRINT (Enc23 a-b.) The following is a transcription of SPRINT #\$87(2)(b) Saturday, April 2, 2005 \$87(2)(b) 10:16pm- 71ST3. 10:21pm- CW warrant check at location. 10:30pm- 71SP7. 10:30pm- 911 call, female caller states officers are in front of her store- running her plate and searching her car. Female caller states one officer pushed her. Tried to connect female caller to IAB, Officer Clark, but female caller hung up. Ani Ali \$87(2)(b) 10:48pm- 71ST3, summons served. 10:51pm- 71 conditions sergeant notified of details of job via LL \$87(2)(b) 10:53pm- Spct McDuffie notified.
Communications CD (Enc24 a-b.) On April 2, 2005 at 10:17PM a female caller with a strong Jamaican accent stated that she had called 911 awhile ago. Address provided as \$87(2)(b) Caller stated that officers were running around her business writing tickets. All of her witnesses are right there. She wanted to know what kind of inspection they were doing without a warrant. Caller also stated that one of the officers pushed her. Call was transferred to IAB, and the caller hung up. Ani Ali number \$87(2)(b)

Police Documents
Command Log (Enc.25)
The command log entry at 23:10 on April 2, 2005 reads:
"CCRB: §87(2)(b) female black age 30(§87(2)(b)
Present at 71 station house to report a CCRB against MOS 4/2/05.
11000 to 17 state of 10 to 10
Criminal History of Civilian
[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
Officers' CCRB History
Neither Sgt. Delman nor PO Ditto has any substantiated CCRB allegations (Encs. 6,7).
Status of Summonses
[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
Conclusions and Recommendations
Officer Identification
In call to IAB on the date of incident (Enc.9 a-c), \$87(2)(b) identified the two officers
who inspected her business both by name and by badge number. §87(2)(b) stated that one officer
(with the three stripes on his arms) was named Delman and his badge number was 1832. The other officer
was named Ditto and his badge number was 2683. The badge numbers that \$87(2)(b) provided
correspond with Sgt. Delman's and PO Ditto's badge numbers. In a photo array (Enc. 15 a-i),
correctly identified both Sgt. Delman and PO Ditto as the two officers who were present at
the scene that day. Additionally, both Sgt. Delman and PO Ditto confirmed that they inspected \$87(2)(b) s
on the date of incident and the summonses that \$87(2)(b) received were
all issued by PO Ditto and bear his name and tax ID number.
Undisputed Facts
On the date of incident, Sgt. Delman and PO Ditto performed a business inspection at \$87(2)(b) s
Eat and Drink Juice Bar. In the course of the inspection, the officers recovered several boxes containing
bottles of alcohol.
Disputed Facts
states that her business was closed when the officers performed the inspection
She alleges that Sgt. Delman pushed her out of the way and that PO Ditto pushed her to the ground.
also claims that PO Ditto refused to identify himself and that Sgt. Delman threatened to arrest her.
arrest net.
Credibility
§ 87(2)(b)
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In her initial call to 911, §87(2)(b) stated that the officers were
searching her car, but in her subsequent statements, she made no mention of a vehicle search. Also, in her
CCRB statement and her phone interview, \$87(2)(0) alleged that Sgt. Delman pushed her, but in
her call to IAB and her civilian complaint report § 87(2)(b) only alleged that PO Ditto had pushed
her. § 87(2)(9)
herself stated that officers had been to the juice bar on
previous occasions regarding alcohol on the premises, but that on prior occasions she had not received
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§ 87(2)(b)
supported \$87(2)(b) supported \$87(2)(c) s claim that Sgt. Delman and PO Ditto both pushed her. He contradicted \$87(2)(b) s claim that the juice bar was closed. \$87(2)(g)
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Sgt. Delman and PO Ditto § 87(2)(9)
Allegation A: Sgt. Eric Delman entered and searched 887(2)(b)
Allegation B: PO Philip Ditto entered and searched § 87(2)(b)
Kamin's Search and Seizure regarding Public Areas of Business (Enc. 1 a-b) notes that, "New
York courts have uniformly held that a police officer may enter commercial premises during regular business hours; he has the same right as any other citizen to enter and make observations. This rule applies
to legitimate businesses, social clubs open to the public, and seemingly legitimate businesses, social clubs
open to the public, and seemingly legitimate businesses that are a front for illegal operations. A police officer also has the right to enter premises where the public is permitted entry despite the appearance that
no business is being conducted within."
claimed that her business was closed when the officers performed the
inspection. Both officers and \$87(2)(b) however, stated that the business was open. \$87(2)(g)
Allegation C: PO Philip Ditto refused to provide his name and shield number to 887(2)(b)
stated that when she asked PO Ditto to identify himself he did not respond.
PO Ditto stated that \$87(2)(b) never asked either he or Sgt. Delman to identify themselves. Sgt.
Delman stated that, to his knowledge, PO Ditto did not refuse to identify himself. §87(2)(9)
Allegation D: Sgt. Eric Delman used physical force against §87(2)(b)
In her phone statement and in her CCRB interview, \$87(2)(b) alleged that Sgt. Delman pushed her out of the way when he walked behind the counter of her store. In her call to IAB, the
complaint she filed at the precinct, and her initial intake call to the CCRB however, \$87(2)(b)
only stated that PO Ditto pushed her. § 87(2)(9)

stated that she was injured her complaint at the precinct. When an am refused treatment and told the paramedics	O Ditto pushed her and caused her to fall to the ground. Sometimes of the incident and complained of chest pains went she filed bulance arrived at the precinct however, \$87(2)(b) that she did not want to go to the hospital until she finished filing filed her report and left the precinct, she did not seek medical
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